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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

Dunmire et al.

Serial No.: 08/328,216

Filed: October 25, 1994

For: BACKFLOW PREVENTOR WITH
ADJUSTABLE OUTFLOW
DIRECTION

Group Art Unit: 3407

Examiner: J. Rivell

AMENDMENT

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 22, 1995, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows. Claims not being amended are shown in reduced type for the convenience of the Examiner.

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. A backflow preventor assembly comprising:
first and second backflow preventor valves;
a housing encompassing said first and second backflow preventor valves, such that both of said valves automatically close if flow through said backflow preventor assembly drops below a predetermined value, said housing including an inlet opening defining an inlet flow direction, an outlet defining an outlet flow direction and a conduit providing fluid communication between said first and second backflow preventor valves
wherein at least a first portion of said conduit is movable with respect to a second portion of said conduit to cause a change in said outlet flow direction with respect to said inlet flow direction to any of an infinite member of outlet flow directions in a substantially leak-free manner.

2. A backflow preventor assembly, as claimed in claim 1, wherein said conduit includes first and second spaced-apart annular flats configured to accommodate a pipe coupling apparatus after being separated by cutting.

3. A backflow preventor assembly, as claimed in claim 1, wherein said outlet flow direction can be changed to any of a plurality of directions.

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